

State Directors Meeting

April 9, 2006

Tacoma, Washington

The Washington State EMD hosted a meeting of local directors with Jim Mullen, State EM Division Director.

The meeting started with some update briefings from State EMD staff.

Public Officials Training Scott Jackson-Training funds expire the end of June, 2007. Funding came from the State Legislature and last year's short legislative session.

A final curriculum was developed. It is four hours long. It includes a workbook for attendees to take notes in. It covers the full gamut of emergency management with a format to include emergency management policy.

All 39 counties were contacted and 13 have been scheduled. It was noted that UASI area had also funded a similar curriculum (this was done before the state's effort was developed).

Large cities and their elected officials are also a good target for this training.

CSEPP Emergency Operations Automated Planning Template John Ufford—State EMD has a Power Point on this planning template. The idea is to develop a standardized planning template. There is ongoing coordination with NEMA on this topic. Version 2.0 based on SLG-101 was released December 2006. A version 3.0 is coming that will interface with the National Response Plan (NRP). They are trying to make the tool all-hazards based effort. It is web based and was developed by the U.S. Army.

Washington State was active in the development in the software. Department of Homeland Security and the NIC is also now engaged on this effort. One application use would be to provide consistency in plans throughout the state. They believe that it supports the State CEMP model.

Version 3 is due out by the end of this year. You can view the template at <http://www.csepptemplate.com> A user name and password required. John Ufford can provide this to Washington State jurisdictions.

Text is in HTML but looks like Word. There is a NIMS Coach that provides information on the NIMS requirements.

It might be possible for each County to have their own administrator who administers passwords for cities. You would have to copy and paste an old plan into the software.

The planning template is not set up for Continuity of Operations (COOP).

They see this tool as an answer to a small jurisdiction's request for planning template so that you don't have to start from scratch.

State Exercise and Training Program Lit Dudley—One of their areas of emphasis is for the training to integrate into the exercise program and across levels of government. Their objectives include helping local governments.

They believe in testing the plans and the training.

State EMD has some "dedicated exercise requirements" from the federally funded special hazards that are generally Tri-cities area based.

They want to stress capabilities based planning. He ran through the current list of exercises they have on the books for the next three years.

Note, there is a possibility for an earthquake based scenario exercise in the Spring of 2008. Exact date to be determined. State EMD would like to combine it with another DOD based exercise they have a requirement to participate in. That exercise is in May of 2008.

The training calendar was reviewed:

- April 24-27 HSEEP Train the Trainer, Camp Murray
- May 1-3 Special Needs Populations, Olympia
- May 22-25 ICS Train the Trainer, Spokane
- Jun 12-13 Donations Management, Kitsap
- June 26-27 Principles of Emergency Mgmt
- July 10-12 Exercise Design, Bellevue
- Aug 14-16 Public Information, Camp Murray
- Dec 4-6 Public Information, Snohomish co

Public Education LuAnn Johnson—She shared the new out of state contact card that was developed. Copies will be available for distribution in the Month of April. They have 100K copies available for distribution.

"Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)" was discussed. Materials have been developed for people to use in their neighborhood within the context of a 90 minute neighborhood meeting.

They are seeking to have people enroll in Train-the-Trainer events.

It was noted that this could be possibly confusing to jurisdictions that have more sophisticated neighborhood programs in place.

Their website is being updated with a goal of May 1st for a launch. There won't be any checklists since they are not deemed effective. There will be a series of streaming videos available on-line. These will be no more than three minutes in length. One topic will be how to use a stud finder in order to secure heavy/tall items the wall.

Discussion ensued on the length of preparedness and how long the time period should be. State EMD is sticking to three days, while Pierce County is advocating for seven days. The thought behind three days is the need to be consistent with messaging and not to deter people from preparing. On the other hand, the longer term preparedness message is more realistic for this region and the hazards we face. Small counties with significant low income populations do not think changing to seven days is economically feasible for much of their populations.

Hazard Mitigation Programs Mark Stewart—He has replace Marty Best as the State EMD Hazards Mitigation Program Manager. He ran through all the various programs that are available. Some funds are available now because of the two most recent disasters (flooding and Windstorm) that is estimated to be around \$15M. Remember you need an established Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for post disaster mitigation funds.

The Pre-disaster Mitigation Program application window is now closed. There was \$100M available.

Repetitive Flood Claims/Severe Repetitive Loss Program

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program which provided very limited funds. \$20K for planning and \$200K for projects.